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Hillary praises Blacks' forgiveness

CAPE TOWN. — US First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton yesterday praised Black South Africans for their willingness to forgive the country's former White rulers as she helped dedicate a garden to victims of apartheid.

"What you are doing here in South Africa is a

testament to what can occur when rage and anger are turned to hope and possibility," Mrs Clinton said in a speech to ex-political prisoners, survivors of human rights violations and relatives of some who died in racial unrest.

She was speaking at the dedication for the "Garden of Remembrance" at the foot of Table Mountain. She and Archbishop Desmond Tutu planted an indigenous stinkwood tree to remember the victims and unveiled a commemorative stone made of Table Mountain sandstone.

"Now it is time to heal the wounds of the past," Archbishop Tutu told the gathering. "Now it is time to plant seeds of hope for the future."

The dedication ceremony came after Mrs Clinton

and her daughter Chelsea, on the second day of a three-day trip to South Africa, met Archbishop Tutu and other members of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

Mrs Clinton said it was understandable if parents or loved ones of the victims had turned to "hatred, bitterness, anger or violence," but instead, "they forgave and are here today in that spirit of forgiveness and remembrance."

"The work of reconciliation is to acknowledge history, not to forget it, no matter how tragic, and to pass that history on to our children because only that has the power to arm them and all humanity," she added.

Earlier yesterday she visited the Victoria Mxenge homes project and was greeted by

crowds of ululating women.

The development is one of many being undertaken in post-apartheid South Africa to try to get proper homes to an estimated one million people who live in poverty, many of them in dense "squatter towns."

The visit to the project emphasised a key goal of her two-week tour of six countries in Africa — promoting better rights and education for women and children. Of 268 people working at the site, 260 were women.

"You are not only building houses, you are building your country," Mrs Clinton told them. — Reuter.

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